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Applicants: Hisashi Ohtsuka et al.

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Application No.: 09/552,540

Examiner: Armando Rodriguez

Filed: April 19, 2000

For: **SOLID-STATE LASER APPARATUS EXCITED BY LASER LIGHT FROM SEMICONDUCTOR UNIT HAVING INCREASED RESONATOR LENGTH**

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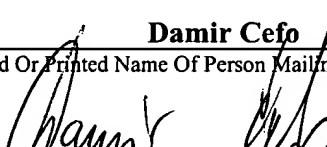
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2004

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Sir:

This is in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 5, 2004 (the "Notice"), in which it was pointed out that a complete listing of all the claims was not present, and that each claim was not provided with the proper status identifier. The applicants were given one month to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Enclosed with this response, which is timely filed within one month from the mailing of the Notice, is the "Amendments to Claims" section providing a full listing of previously presented claims, as no amendments to the claims were presented in the

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Applicants' Amendment dated November 21, 2003, which was responsive to the May 22, 2003 Office Action.

The previously submitted November 21, 2003 Amendment was timely filed because the period for filing a response to the May 22, 2003 Office Action was extended from August 22, 2003 to and including November 22, 2003, by a Petition for a three months extension of time filed concurrently therewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

If there are any questions, or if additional information is required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. Any additional fees or charges required at this time and in connection with the present application are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,



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